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Update on Current Procedural Terminology Codes for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services for all Developmental Disabilities (DD) waivers

The American Medical Association CPT® Editorial Panel has released eight new codes for billing ABA services (<https://webaba.com/2018/10/09/2019-aba-cpt-codes/>). These new codes went into effect on January 1, 2019. The new ABA assessment and treatment procedure codes combined some of the current 13 ABA waiver procedure codes and bill in 15-minute service units. The ABA DD waiver service definitions remain the same from the previous MO HealthNet Provider Bulletin dated March 2017. The conversion will be cost neutral and the limitations will be neutral.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities will submit waiver technical amendments for all Division of Developmental Disabilities four waivers to Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to align with the CPT code changes effective January 1, 2019.

The table below lists the new procedure codes, limits and Medicaid Maximum rates effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019. Modifiers for Comprehensive (HI); Community (U1); MOCDD (HA); Partnership for Hope (HX).

Waiver Service	Provider Qualification	Current Procedure Code(s)	Modifier 1	New Procedure Code(s)	Modifier 1	Maximum Units of Service	Maximum MO HealthNet Payment
Assessment							
Behavior Identification Assessment	QHCP	0359T		97151	HO	8 units per year	23.01

Observational Behavioral Follow-Up Assessment	QHCP	0360T 0361T	HO	97152	HO	10 units per day, 50 units per year	23.01
Observational Behavioral Follow-Up Assessment	LaBA	0360T 0361T	HN	97152	HN	10 units per day, 50 units per year	13.32
Observational Behavioral Follow-Up Assessment	RBT	0360T 0361T	HM	97152	HM	10 units per day, 50 units per year	7.57
Behavior Identification Supporting Assessment	QHCP	0362T 0363T		0362T	HO	32 units per day, 320 units per year	23.01
Treatment							
Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol by Technician	LaBA	0364T 0365T	HN	97153	HN	32 units per day, 160 units per week, 600 units per month	13.32
Adaptive Behavior Treatment by Protocol by Technician	RBT	0364T 0365T	HM	97153	HM	32 units per day, 160 units per week, 600 units per month	7.57
Adaptive Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification	QHCP	0368T 0369T	HO	97155	HO	32 units per day, 120 units per week, 270 units per month	23.01
Adaptive Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification	LaBA	0368T 0369T	HN	97155	HN	32 units per day, 120 units per week, 270 units per month	13.32
Family Behavior Treatment Guidance	QHCP	0370T	HO	97156	HO	40 units per month	23.01
Family Behavior Treatment Guidance	LaBA	0370T	HN	97156	HN	40 units per month	13.32
Behavior Treatment Social Skills Group	QHCP	0372T	HO	97158	HO	6 units per day, 30 units per week, 60 units per month	1.81
Behavior Treatment Social Skills Group	LaBA	0372T	HN	97158	HN	6 units per day, 30 units per week, 60 units per month	1.48

Exposure Adaptive Behavior Treatment with Protocol Modification	QHCP	0373T 0374T		0373T	HO	32 units per day, 130 per week, 320 units per month	23.01
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Billing/Authorization requirements

The Division is converting current authorizations to the new codes effective January 1, 2019. Waiver Services and Purchase of Services use the same CPT codes differentiated by the Service Category. Old CPT codes have been assigned December 31, 2018 end dates. New CPT codes and modifiers will be effective January 1, 2019. All new CPT codes should process in the same billing cycle without issue.

All of the new codes are 15-minute units. The new limitations and rates are equal to the previous limitations and rates at the different service unit size. The new codes eliminate the need for providers to bill a second unit/code for additional time on the same date.

The Division is currently in the process of updating contracts and service authorizations. The contracts with Behavior Service CPT codes and active authorizations were updated on December 12, 2018.